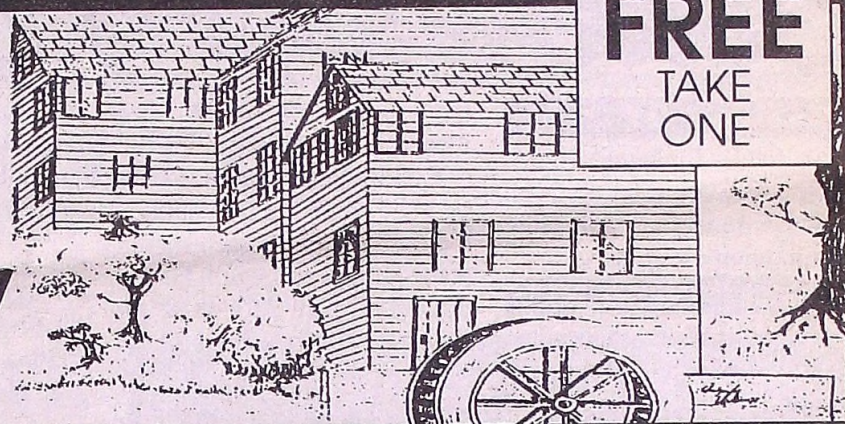


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## BOARD APPROVES LAND SWAP DEAL WITH PARK AUTHORITY TWO-YEAR DEAL CONTINGENT UPON VOTER APPROVAL FOR NEW MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

by MARGARET E. O'KELLEY

At the December 12 Township Board meeting, the Board unanimously voted to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Park Authority to swap land in anticipation of the building of a new municipal complex.

The Capitol Improvement Committee has worked, along with their consultant Plante & Moran, many months on the development of a new civic complex. They recommended acceptance of the deal and Supervisor Mitchell spoke on their behalf. He said, "The committee considered four sites and determined the West Road location to be the site of preference." He went on to advise the Board that both parcels were appraised and they came up with similar values. He said, "the Authority Board voted unanimously to support the transfer contingent upon our community supporting a millage to build the facility."

The Supervisor informed the Board that the Township attorney had reviewed the proposal and after some corrections had approved it for review by the Township Board.

The Township Attorney

advised the Board that if the voters do not approve a facility, the properties would revert back to their previous owners at the expiration of the agreement.

Trustee Adkins expressed concern over the future of Lajko Park stating the facility is used by the community. The Supervisor responded that the

plan was to keep the park open until the new park facility was built along with the new complex.

The Capitol Improvement Committee will continue to

meet and shepherd the plans to build a new complex and the Huron News will continue to report on its progress.

## N.A. MANS BUILDING CENTERS SUPPORT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

On November 27, 2001, Habitat for Humanity, N.A. Mans Building Centers and the City of Romulus broke ground on a promising new partnership designed to provide simple, decent housing for another of God's families in need.

At the official "ground blessing" ceremony, Romulus mayor, Alan Lambert, and representatives from the Western Wayne County chapter of Habitat for Humanity announced a long-range plan to eliminate substandard housing in the area, beginning with this site on Gabriel in Romulus. The property, donated by N.A. Mans Building Centers, will soon become home to a local family who will work side-by-side with Habitat volunteers in the coming weeks in order to complete the first of many houses to be built here.

"We are very excited to be working with Habitat toward our common goal of moving these families into what, in most cases, is the first decent home they've ever had," says Mayor Lambert.

Habitat for Humanity of

Western Wayne County has already built and dedicated three pretty little homes to three deserving — and very grateful — families in Inkster, families who, up until now, have had virtually nothing. As recently as four weeks ago, Habitat's immediate goal was to break ground on one last house before the ground freezes and to move in the fourth and last family of the year in time for the holidays. The pressure was on.

The timely acquisition of the

lot — with a poured basement — is nothing short of a God-send. According to Doug Mans, the Gabriel property became available through a bankruptcy, its donation by N.A. Mans Building Centers has been the catalyst for moving Habitat into greater Romulus.

As soon as the land transfer became official, volunteers went to work clearing the site on Gabriel Road in preparation for an extraordinary late-year build.

"We are thrilled," explains

Sheila Friedrich, Executive Director of Habitat, Western Wayne. "We have always wanted to live in and serve the Romulus community, and now God — through N.A. Mans Building Centers — has given us the chance we've been waiting for. Mayor Lambert, the Romulus City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, everyone has been so wonderful in embracing our mission. This is truly a win-win!"



(L-R) SHEILA FRIEDRICH, HERB SCOTT (PRESIDENT OF LOCAL HABITAT), DOUG MANS, MAYOR LAMBERT, MICHAEL PRYBYLA, COUNCILMAN.

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# Community Calendar

## December 31

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Boston will have New Year's Eve service with Holy Communion at 7 p.m.

## Daily

Historical Society Calendars on sale daily at Reiningger Realty.

## Monthly Meetings

Monroe County Mothers of Multiples, P.O. Box 207, Carleton, MI, holds a Multiple Birth Support Group offering education, assistance and encouragement on the third Monday of each month at Mercy Memorial Hospital. For more information call Lisa Lothringer at (734) 654-9263.

Waltz Improvement Association meets the fourth Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. on

park grounds in Waltz. New members are welcome.

Concerned Citizens Coalition (C3) meetings are held on the first Thurs. of each month at the American Legion Hall at 7:30 p.m. Call 753-4838 for info.

HAA monthly meetings are held the second Tues. each month at 7:30 p.m. In August the meeting will be held at the concession stand. Beginning in September meetings will be held in the Junior High Library. All monthly meetings are open to the public.

M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Preschoolers) meet the second and fourth Tues. of each month at St. John's Lutheran Church in Waltz from 9-11 a.m. There is child care available. Come for

rest, support, crafts, and affirmation. For mothers of infants through kindergarten-age children. 783-3669.

Recreation Committee meets the first Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Huron Athletic Boosters will meet on the following dates: Mar. 7, 7 p.m.; April 10, 7 p.m.; May 1, 6 p.m. Meetings are held at Huron High School, Room 134. Call 654-3781 for info.

Southwest Wayne County Democratic Club meets the fourth Thurs. of each month at Lakeview Printing, 70 Davis St., Belleville, at 7 p.m.

## Township Meetings

Board of Trustees meet second and fourth Wed. of each month at 7:30 at the Huron High Lecture Hall.

Planning Commission meets the second Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Huron High Lecture Hall.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets the first Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Huron High Library.

Historical Society meets the third Thurs. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Historical House.

Historical Comm. meets the second Thurs. of each month at the Samuel Adams House at 6:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee meets the first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

Telecommunications Committee meets the last Mon. of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Twp. Hall. For information call 734-782-9784.

The VFW Post 6040 meets

at 7 p.m. on the third Wed. of each month at the American Legion Hall in New Boston.

## Senior Citizens

The Huron Township Senior Citizens are now meeting at the newly renovated Emil A. Krzyske Senior Center on Mineral Springs in Waltz.

The meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at noon. Helen Mates will be serving as President of the united groups.

The Senior Citizens van is available for doctor visits, shopping, etc. Please call the Senior Director for additional information.

Pam Carpenter is the Senior Director and may be reached at 654-9281.

Congregate Meals or Meals on Wheels provides a hot meal every day at 11:30 a.m. at the Center. Linda (Cricket) Thompson serves as director of the Meals on Wheels Program. For information call 654-4549. Flat Rock residents welcome!

First Tuesday of every month regular meeting 12:30 p.m.

Quilting Mondays at 10 a.m.

Quilting Class Tuesdays 9-11:30 a.m.

Crafts Tuesdays 1 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner third Thursday at 4 p.m.

Pinochle every Monday 12:30 p.m.

Euchre third and fifth Tuesday 12:30 p.m.

Shopping at Meijer's every Thursday. Leave Senior Center at 12:30 p.m.

Meals on Wheels for home bound seniors. Call 654-4549.

For a ride call Senior Director Pam at 654-9281

Trips for seniors check with the Senior Director for trips scheduled one day to a week.

Senior Director's hours Monday-Friday 9am-4pm.

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## CITY OF FLAT ROCK CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 3, 2002 - MARCH 29, 2002

### JANUARY

3	Downtown Development Authority	7 p.m.
7	Recreation Committee	5:30 p.m.
7	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
14	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	(City Offices Open)
22	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
22	TIFA Meeting	7:30 p.m.
24	Library Board of Directors	7 p.m.
24	Historic Preservation Committee	7 p.m.
28	Beautification Committee	7 p.m.
28	Planning Commission	7:30 p.m.
*	Cable Commission	7:30 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

4	Recreation Committee	5:30 p.m.
4	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
7	Downtown Development Authority	7 p.m.
11	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 p.m.
18	President's Day	(City Offices Open)
19	City Council Meeting	7:30 p.m.
25	Beautification Committee	7 p.m.
26	TIFA Meeting	7:30 p.m.
28	Historic Preservation Committee	7 p.m.
28	Library Board of Directors	7 p.m.
*	Cable Commission	7:30 p.m.

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26	TIFA Meeting	7:30 p.m.
28	Library Board of Directors	7 p.m.
28	Historic Preservation Committee	7 p.m.
29	Good Friday (City Offices Closed)	HOLIDAY
*	Cable Commission	7:30 p.m.

NOTE: South Huron Valley Wastewater Control System Meetings are scheduled for January 16, February 20 and March 20, 2002, 10 a.m. at Brownstown Township Hall.

\*Indicates to be determined

## The Second Front

## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I would like to inform the residents of Huron Township that the controversy over the proposal to divide the 34th District Court has been settled. "There will be no tinkering with the 34th District Court" Representative Bruce Patterson stated in the Belleville-Area Independent newspaper on December 13, 2001.

It had been reported in that newspaper that the 34th District Court could lose one Judge and the 35th District Court in Plymouth-Canton would gain one by combining Belleville and Van Buren Township with that district.

It was reported in the Independent that Rep. Patterson was out of town at the time that the division of the 34th District Court was discussed by the Judicial committee. Both Senator Loren Bennett and Rep. Bruce Patterson denied any knowledge of this proposal. Patterson did sponsor HB 4788 which would add a Judge to the 35th District and remove one from Hamtramck. It would also combine the courts in Wayne and Westland with no decrease in Judges.

Patterson also denied that he would run for the Judgeship in the 35th District Court.

I apologize for the statement linking Patterson and Bennett to this legislation at the Huron Township Board meeting. I had been misinformed and did not check my sources, I'll try not to let that happen again.

Mary Lou Carey, Trustee  
Huron Charter Township

Editor's Note: It will be very interesting to see how this plays out.

Dear Rotary Members:

On April 17, 2001, our coalition sent a letter asking for a donation towards the Nativity Scene we were hoping to purchase for our community. You did not respond and we respected your decision.

On October 11, 2001, we sent a letter asking for a name of a family we might adopt for Christmas. When we did hear from you by our next meeting, we decided to collect Toys for Tots. Every person who attended our Christmas dinner was asked to bring a nice gift for a child.

Mr. Walter Barron called Mrs. Margaret O'Kelley on December 16 at 11 p.m. and

informed her that the Rotary neither needed our help nor our toys. The reason our toys were unacceptable was because we are a political organization. Therefore, our toys are politically tainted. How ridiculous! Would toys be turned down from the Democratic Club or a Union? Of course not! Could there be an underlying reason for refusing our toys? One can only wonder.

The animosity felt by the members was quite apparent by that phone call. The disappointment I feel regarding our local Rotary Club is immeasurable. Politics and business are to be left outside the door. Members are to be open-minded and fair to all. What has happened to Rotary?

Sincerely yours  
Concerned Citizens' Coalition

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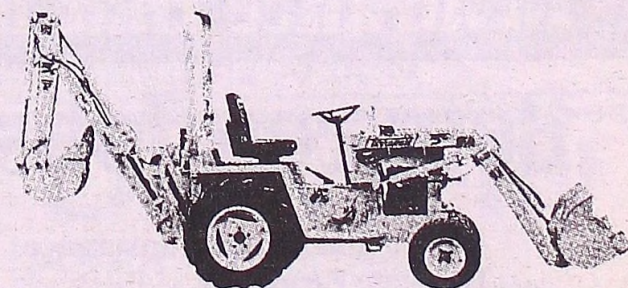
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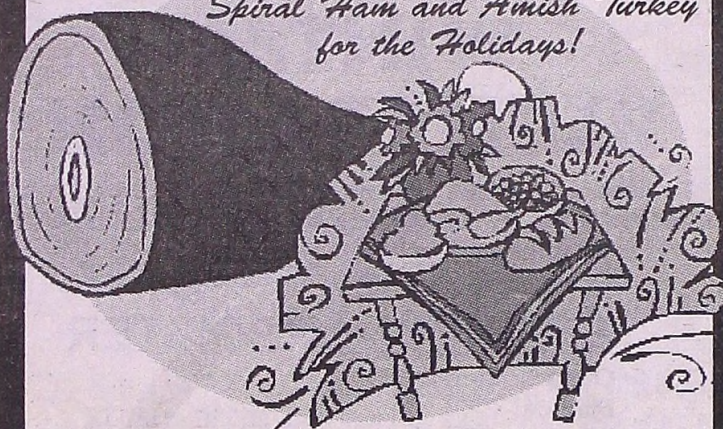
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graders caroled Fall songs and made wreaths for residents of the Tendercare Nursing Home in Monroe. Second grade students joined seventh and eighth-grade students to plant bulbs on the church and school grounds. Third-graders made fruit baskets that they gave to homebound church members during visits. Fifth grade students visited the Penrickton Center for Blind Children and helped make craft donations for the Center to sell. Fifth and sixth-graders raked leaves in the community.

In addition, the students recently prepared projects to show support and concern for people affected by the September 11 air attacks as well as for our local police and fire departments. Third graders sold ice cream at school to raise funds to send to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod World Relief. These funds will be used for children orphaned by the attack and toward grief and trauma counseling. Several grades wrote letters of appreciation to local fire and police departments as well as those in New York City.

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## 34th DISTRICT COURT TO TEST 200 SUBSTANCE ABUSERS

On Tuesday, January 1, 2002, over 200 people have been ordered to appear at the 344th District Court in Romulus. On January 1, the individuals will have to submit to alcohol breath testing as a probationary requirement. Those to be tested have all been sentenced on alcohol related cases and are currently on probation.

According to Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green, penalties will be stiff for violators: "I have discussed this program with Judges Oakley and Szlinis and we are all in agreement. Any defendant who fails to appear or registers positive on the breath test will go to jail."

Court officers and local police officers will be on hand to conduct the testing. According to Judge Green this program is intended to give probationers a sober start to 2002.

the payline. Other payouts on the new slot machine range from \$1 to \$50,000.

"Though we just installed the 'Lion's Share,' word's already out that slot players can win a million dollars on a three-dollar bet," said Phil Maruncic, vice president of slot operations at MGM Grand Detroit Casino. "We're very pleased and excited to present this new game."

"Lion's Share" was created by MGM Mirage, the Las Vegas-based parent company of MGM Grand Detroit Casino, and is exclusive to MGM properties worldwide. Other MGM-exclusive slot machines offered at MGM Grand Detroit are the "Majestic Lion" in denominations of 25c, 50c, \$1 and \$5, and the "MGM Grand Gold" in a \$5 denomination.

Other new slot machines recently installed at MGM Grand Detroit include "Price is Right" and "\$25,000 Py-

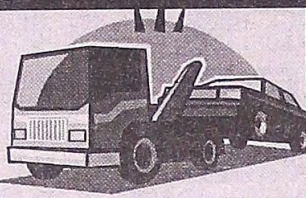
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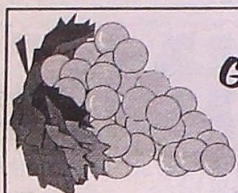
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### Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

New year has you feeling your age. Another headache comes and goes. Co-workers may not see eye to eye but no reason to hide behind boss. Take charge before children. Plug hole in sinking ship. Lucky #1231.

### Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Read e-mail with caution. Unwanted news found. New building project may never get off ground if you don't put pressure on hole in sinking ship. Scorpio complains, but who danced too much? Lucky #2001.

### Pisces Feb. 20 - Mar. 20

Your words ring true. You find no happiness in known events. Virgo makes you a promise. Pass aspirin to spouse and vow "Never again!" Evening with friends may be eventful. Maybe not! Lucky #2002.

### Aries March 21 - April 20

Watch famous event unfold. Ring in New Year with favorite people and "animals." Sing familiar songs to those who can't hear. Be alert. Watch for mystery person. Report done? Should you? Lucky #0101.

### Taurus April 21 - May 21

Life of the party or any event. Co-workers clamor to hear you talk. New Years Day like another day for you. Time to reconsider relationship. Action may not

be necessary. Ask Sagittarius to hold special item, but may not be safe. Lucky #0001.

### Gemini May 22 - June 21

Be on "alert" for unwanted attention. All may not be as it appears. Special brand may not be found over the border as travel may be difficult. Did you sink your own boat? Lucky #0002.

### Cancer June 22 - July 23

Children whine. You, too much wine. So don't take out on those unfamiliar with New Year's Eve. Blow party favors in tired ears. Smile as watch others grumble. No bugs again? Lucky #2000.

### Leo July 24 - August 23

Just another day under your collar. Time to remove that leash. Others take you for ride but get off the sinking ship before you go down. Travel to familiar store not anymore. Look before leap. Lucky #1300.

### Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Friends say yes. Family say yes. Then why does Gemini cause so much grief? May be time for some to walk the plank. Unable to sink your ship. Children tired of gifts, just smile. Play new game, but don't be played. Lucky #0110.

### Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

New Years, old years. Well who cares? Look at those who ring in with celebration everyday. Your best thoughts need thinking out loud but don't yell. May hurt own

## Horoscope



William Grover

head. Others laugh. Shop again? Lucky #1111.

### Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Okay, so it wasn't funny. Gemini calls with special news. Repairs begin as planned. Lost time in water may be found in shower. Wear that "certain" outfit to celebrate annual event. But don't make your self the annual event. Lucky #0301.

### Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Favorite time of year at hand! Snow may become problem at work but not for all. Your ship sunk but you plug hole and regain potential. Duckies in bath tub brighten your day. You are the big kid. Lucky #2120.

\*For entertainment purposes only.

## TWO RECIPES THIS WEEK!

### CREAMY PESTO STUFFED CHERRY TOMATOES

1 4-oz. pkg. Cream Cheese - softened 10-12 Cherry Tomatoes  
1 tbs. Pesto - fresh or from a jar

Cream the cheese and pesto together until smooth and blended. Take a thin slice off the bottom of each tomato to make a flat spot, so it will sit up. Slice the tomatoes crosswise on the top about 1/2 way down and gently remove the seeds. Pipe or spoon the cheese mixture into each tomato. Place a parsley leaf or chive sprig on the top for garnish. Makes 10-12

### CUCUMBER TEA SANDWICHES

4 oz. Cream Cheese 1 lg. Burpless English Cucumber -  
1 tbs. fresh Chives - finely chopped peeled and sliced lengthwise into thin  
1 tbs. fresh Parsley - finely chopped strips  
1 tbs. fresh Dill - finely chopped 4 slices firm White Bread - remove  
1 tsp. Beau Monde - (spice blend) crusts

Cream the cheese, herbs and beau monde together, if mixture is too thick, add a couple drops of water. Spread a layer over each slice of bread (divide evenly). Cut each slice of bread into 6 rectangles that match the bread slices. Place a thin slice of cucumber on top of each bread slice. Garnish with sprigs of dill, parsley and chive. Cover and chill until ready to serve. Makes 24

## Al Fresco



Georgette Heron-Willoughby

## ENDING AND BEGINNINGS

I can't believe that 2001 is almost over. I thought that I would dedicate these recipes to the end of one year and the beginning of another.

Everyone celebrates the entry into the new year in their own way. These recipes are simple little appetizers to enjoy with a party of just two or make enough for a crowd.

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## Maggie's Musings



Margaret O'Kelley

### THE GRINCH WHO TRIED TO STEAL HURON'S CHRISTMAS

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The Grinch made people wince, because He just did not make sense, so He called on Max his little dog, To add support to their cause.

The little dog snarled and was gruff, but The good elves did not fall for his bluff. They stood their ground, even With them being well acquainted, saying "Toys are for children and cannot be tainted."

Gifts of toys are gifts

From the heart, and Politics should never play a part.

Don't worry children,,

Santa was saved From the self-serving Grinches Who came into play!

I send to the Grinches A Tiny Tim phrase I recall,

"God Bless Them One And All."

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